

## Report of the Recreation Department

Our 31<sup>st</sup> year of providing year round recreation programs and facilities to the Town of experiences to appeal to Moultonborough citizens and visitors of all ages. Participant numbers are found next to the program.

### **Adult and Seniors – Events, Activities, Programs and Trips geared to adults and senior adults:**

**Senior Socials – 35** - social time, activities and guest speakers offered in conjunction with the Moultonborough Library and/or Moultonborough Visiting Nurse Service; **\*Sit and Stretch - 8**  
**\*Trips – \*Boston Flower Show - 45** held in conjunction with the Senior Meals Program and Moultonborough Library, **\*Cabbage Island Clam Bake - 20**, **\*Isle of Shoals 43** and **\*Lupine Festival - 43** again both held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Library programs, **\*Fisher Cats Baseball Game – 16** **\*Moonlight Snowshoe Hike** – did not happen due to “Global Warming” i.e. no snow **\*Tai Chi - 13** - **\*Jazzercise 20** - Unfortunately, we lost the very successful Jazzercise program as our facility proved to be inadequate for their activities and growing numbers **\*Zumba - 18** **\*Summer Hiking Club - 5** **\*Get Paid to Talk Class – 23** offered twice **\*Adult Softball League 9 teams** with approximately **160** players **\*Edith’s Tourney Tennis Tournament – 12** **\*WOW (Woman of Words) Workshop – 6** - an introduction to creative writing for women.

**Family Events/Special Events:** **\*Father Daughter Valentine’s Dance – 80** **\*Moultonborough Pathway Road Race – 80+** held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Pathway Association **Family Tennis Nights** – (varies) **\*Created a “Story Walk”** at The Point at Long Island **\*Mother – Daughter American Girl Trip – 22** - due to technical difficulties with the bus this trip didn’t go **\*Halloween Party 350 +** (children and adults) **\*Winter Solstice Celebration 20+** **\*Softball Jamboree - 245** **\*“Old Foam Day” 20+** as part of Old Home Day Celebration **\*Family Water Carnival 100+** **\*Youth Sports Pep Rally 400 +**

**Teens and “Tweens”:** **\*After School Drop-In Program 45** – avg. daily attendance - **14** **\*Morbid Mountain Halloween Trip - 28** **\*American Red Cross Baby Sitting Course - 7;** **\*Tubing and Swim Trip - 15** **\*Open Gym - 10** **\*Stowe Ski Trip - 16** **\*All Night Lock-in** held in conjunction with Moultonborough Taking Action **50 +**

**Summer Programs:** **\*Hot and Happy 12** (toddlers and parents); **\*Happy Campers Day Camp - 93;** **\*RECKing Crew day camp - 123** **\*Teen Adventure - 51** adventure and trip based program **\*Creative Writing Workshop** (cancelled) **\*Tennis Lessons** (adults and children) **31;** **Swimming lessons - 66** **\*Play Soccer and Challenger Soccer Camps 30** (two sessions) **\*USTA Junior Team Tennis 14**

**Youth Sports Programs:** These are offered to children in **grades k-6.** **\*Basketball - 120;** **\*Baseball and Softball - 167.** In 2010 our baseball program became part of the Meredith Cal Ripken Baseball program and will no longer be administered by the Recreation Dept. This was necessary as the competition opportunities for our baseball players under our former system no longer existed. This transition was begun in 2010 and took a great effort from our dedicated volunteers and co-ordination and assistance from the Recreation Dept. All other youth sports

remain part of the Recreation Dept. **\*Soccer – 150; Volleyball - 14 \*Hershey Track and Field - 36. \*Junior Division Edith's Tourney \*Nutty November Night - 55** youth participants with many adults joining in **\*Youth Sport Clinics** numbers vary **\*Pitch, Hit and Run Competition - 36**

**Other Youth Activities/Lessons:** **\*Kids Night Out Winter - 17 \*Kids Night Out Spring -18; Skating Lessons - 30 \*‘‘Winter Days’’ – over 200** held in conjunction with the Moultonborough Central School **\*Winter Bingo – 15 \*Karate Lessons 10-20 (varies) \*Kids on Stage** (held two times a year) **40 \*Kidzercise 23 children + parents \*Greetings from the North Pole – 28 \*CATCH (Comprehensive Approach to Childhood Health) –25** offered twice as a before school and after school program.

**Recreation Advisory Board:** The Recreation Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month. The time of the meeting was recently moved to 7:00 PM. While we have had some transition in the past year – thanks go to those currently serving on the board: Al Hume chair, Carla Taylor vice chair, Celeste Burns secretary, Harry Blood member. Thanks to past members Becky Bryant, Jane Fairchild, Karin Nelson and Joanne Farnham. The advisory board continues to serve as a bridge between the community and Recreation Dept.

**Recreation Facilities:** All Moultonborough Recreation Dept. facilities - The Community Center, Moultonborough Recreation Area on Playground Drive, including baseball and soccer fields, ice rink, tennis courts, basketball court and play areas, Long Island Beach, The Point at Long Island and the Moultonborough Pathway are well used. States Landing Beach suffered severe damage this spring and was out of commission throughout much of the summer before repairs could be completed. The Recreation Dept. looks forward to working with the Capital Improvement Committee and other boards and committees to ensure that recreation facilities are of the highest quality.

**Committees and Collaborations:** The Moultonborough Recreation Dept. continues to collaborate with other town departments, various organizations and serve on various committees including but not limited to: The Community Services Team, Moultonborough Taking Action, Moultonborough Pathway Association and Moultonborough Wellness Committee.

Moultonborough Recreation personnel continue to maintain professional certifications and respond to the expectation of excellence and regularly attend workshops and trainings in order to offer the best in recreation services and stay current on top of standards, requirements, trends, and issues in the recreation profession. Recreation staff members remain active in the parks and recreation movement at the state, regional and national level. The director and assistant director are called on regularly for presentations at conferences at the state, regional and national level.

**Appreciation:** As always we take this opportunity to thank the many people and organizations who have contributed to our success. Thanks to our well over 100 volunteers who serve on boards, committees, who coach, officiate, chaperone, supervise, instruct and help to maintain facilities. Thanks to the Fire Dept. for foaming our fields and helping with bonfires and other assistance; to the Police Dept. for much assistance during the year; to the Public Works Dept. and especially to Denny and Andy; to the Moultonborough Library, Visiting Nurse Service and

Human Service Dept., Moultonborough-Sandwich Meals program for co-operative adult/senior programming efforts. A very special thanks to Moultonborough Schools and their personnel for many co-operative efforts, a strong town-school relationship and for use of their facilities.

Thanks too to local businesses and organizations that sponsor our teams and events, to the Board of Selectmen for their support and recognition of the very important role that municipal recreation plays in our community's health. Thanks go to our very energetic seasonal and part time staff members. Last but not least a very heartfelt thank you to an incredible year round recreation staff – Assistant Director, Hilary Bride, Recreation Activities Assistant, Kaitlin Sampson and Administrative Assistant, Donna Tatro who when faced with unforeseen challenges rose to the occasion with great dedication and enthusiasm. This year more than ever, their contributions to the department and community are very much appreciated.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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